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E.O. 11652: N/EJTAGS: MOPS, SS, MR
SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH : JULY 16 ATTACK ON ZOUEATE - III

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1. FOR SECOND DAY IN ROW, MAURITANIAN PRESS AGENCY AMP, PUBLISHED NEWS STORY REPORTING MAURITANIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST POLISARIO GUERRILLAS. AMP RELEASE DESCRIBED MOP-UP AFTER JULY 16 ATTACK ON ZOUEATE. ARABIC AND FRENCH VERSIONS OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAILY NEWSPAPER (ASH-SHA'AB/CHAAB) ALSO FOR SECOND DAY IN ROW CARRIED AMP NEWSSTORY JULY 20 IN FRONT PAGE BOX UNDER NEAR BANNER HEADLINES.

2. QUOTE (HEADLINE) 37 BODIES ALREADY TAKEN IDENTIFIED FROM SIDE OF MERCENARIES WHO ATTACKED ZOUEATE.
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(BOX) NOUAKCHOTT - AMP: MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY OUR MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES AFTER THE JULY 16 ATTACK ON THE CITY OF ZOUEATE HAVE REVEALED THAT THE ENEMY COLUMN LEFT BEHIND 12 BODIES, RECOVERED ON THE GROUND, AND 25 OTHERS PICKED UP IN VARIOUS PLACES. THUS THY BALANCE SHEET UP TO THE PRESENT TOTALS THE LOSSES ON THE SIDE OF THE ENEMY AL 37.
(PARA) LET EMBER THAT THE MERCENARIES ON THE PAYROLL

OF ALGIERS MOUNTED IN ROUGHLY 25 VEHICLES ATTACKD THE CITY
OF ZOUEATE JULY 16 FROM 0515 (HOUR GIVEN ALSO IN ARABIC
STORY YESTERDAY) TO 0730. THE ENEMY ATTEMPTED VAINLY TO
BREACH THE DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE CITY, BUT OUR MILITARY AND
SECURITY FORCES DROVE HOM OFF AND INFLICTED HEAVYLOSSES.
(PARA) DURING THE COURSE OF THIS ATTACK, THE INSTALLATIONS
OF THE MINE AT ZOUEALE SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE WHATSOEVER. CLOSE
QUOTE.

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